

SUMMARY

Prepared by Jeff Cantor
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Gasoline Cars And Trucks Workgroup Meeting

Held 6/29/05

Trenton War Memorial

Meeting called by: John Gorgol

Facilitator: Jeff Cantor

Attendees: Bob Miller, NJDOT; Cheryl Drach, USPS; Joseph Caravella, TransOptions; David Heller, NJTPA; Bob Johnson, Sierra Club; Mac Wubben, Center for Clean Air Policy; Sudhir Joshi, NJDOT; Chris Magielnicki, Service Plus; Gail Carter, NJDEP; Nathan Cumar, NJDOT; Steve Jurow, NJ Transit; Jeff Cantor, NJDEP; Dave West, NJDEP; Rob Schell, NJDEP; John Gorgol, NJDEP (see attached table for complete contact information)

Materials: Workgroup ground rules; workgroup summary presentation

Introduction/Announcements [10 minutes]

Workgroup participants introduced themselves and indicated their reasons for attending. A variety of expectations were expressed including:

- Learning
- Developing proactive ideas rather than reactive
- Generate transportation control measures (TCM)
- Promote alternative transportation
- Incorporate land use considerations
- Promote/explore alternate fuels
- Address repair issues and the repair industry (esp. re. newer vehicles)
- Promote CA vehicle standards

Overview [5 minutes]

Reviewed workgroup process, charter, and ground rules; set subsequent meeting outline and next meeting time and place.

Discussion [90 minutes]

Brainstorming on "how to reduce emissions of criteria pollutants – NOx and PM in particular – from gas powered cars and trucks". The following ideas were suggested and will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting:

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| State tax credit for purchase of hybrid vehicle | State tax dis credit for purchase of SUV |
| Employee trip reduction program | Early vehicle retirement program |
| Convert fleets to hybrid or alt. Fuel vehicles | Public awareness and education |
| Provide repair assistance for older vehicles | Increase inspection frequency for older vehicles |
| Track vehicle repair records and allow for inspection bypass w/ frequent repairs | |
| State tax credit for alt. fuels/bio-fuels | Hydrogen vehicles |
| Travel demand management | |
| Telecommuting | |
| Alt. workweek scheduling | |
| Voluntary or mandatory? | |
| Preferred employee parking | |
| Registration fee based on vehicle weight with steep increase for heavier vehicles | |
| Ban drive thru banks/fast food/etc. | |
| Expand NJT weekend/night service | |
| Registration fee based on VMT | Employer shuttles to train/bus stations |
| Neighborhood electric vehicles | |
| Privately owned or co-op | |
| Registration issues | |
| Use on public roads? | |
| Park-n-ride out of urban areas | Older vehicle retrofits – catalytic converters |
| Fleet requirements | |
| Revive Clean Fuel Fleet program | |
| mpg requirements | |
| Emissions requirements | |
| Vehicle maintenance education | |
| Emphasize cost savings | |
| Avoids problems | |
| Tire inflation programs | Team up with insurance industry |
| Use AAA as education partner | |
| Expand bike/pedestrian trails for transportation and improve quality of trails for all uses (e.g., rollerblades need smooth asphalt) | |
| Increase fuel tax | Revise gasoline formulation (regionally?) |
| Increase anti-idling education/enforcement | Increase overall I/M frequency |
| Remove 4-yr new car I/M exemption | Avoid mid-day refueling – education/mandatory? |

Wrap-up

Next meeting: Wednesday July 20th at 10 am at NJDOT headquarters in Ewing, NJ. Transportation for those traveling to the Trenton area by train to be coordinated through Jeff Cantor.
